



5 In 5: Kevin Estela (Survival)

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What's the best tent on the market that will fit in a backpack?

– Kerry Griffin, Georgia

- What size backpack? It matters.
- The **NEMO Galaxi™ 2P** is a great choice and will fit in a moderately sized pack.
- It's convertible for multiple seasons and it can be used as a beach shelter.

How much gear is too much? Is it better to have specific tools for specific tasks or "1 size fits all" gear?

– Aaron Gossett, Texas

- If you're carrying gear you never use and the chances of using it are low, that's too much gear.
- Keep track of what you use and carry what you use frequently.
- Find gear that is multipurpose so you don't have to carry too much.
- The average American male can carry 30 to 40 pounds in a backpack at most.
- Never leave behind the stuff that could save your life, though.

Should what you have in your vehicle and pack/ruck be seen as one's primary gear, and what one has on his person be seen as his secondary gear, which will afford all options of mission success? Or is it the other way around?

– Brad Neely, Ontario, Canada

- Primary gear is what you can carry on your person.
- Your vehicle is an accessory, a means to get to your destination.
- You will fall back on your baseline equipment, as in what you are carrying.
- Consider your home your home base.

What are the best all around on the go (SHTF) knife sharpeners?

– Kevin Krause, Washington

- Consider the **Gossman Survival Tool**, it's a piece of D2 steel that can be used for splitting.
- The **Fallkniven DC3** and **DC4** are also good.
- You can also use wet/dry sandpaper (600/800/1000/1500/2000) and a mousepad or a piece of leather.

As part of your survival gear how do you EMP proof you're electronics?

– Mark Harrington, Oregon

- There are a lot of resources online for building Faraday cages.
- There is RFID fabric you can buy online to build everything from blankets to coverings for your electronics.
- Which one of your pieces of equipment rely on a larger network? If you protect yours it might not matter if the larger network is down.

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